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April 25, 2003

Muhaned Aljabiry, Senior Transportation Engineer
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Dear Mr. Aljabiry: **Subject: Amendment #19 (Administrative Amendment) to the FY 2002/03 thru 2007/08 Council of Fresno County Government's FTIP**

On April 24, 2003, the Council of Fresno County Governments Policy Board formally approved Amendment #19 (Administrative Amendment) to the FY 2002/03 through 2007/08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). Amendment #19 amends the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for the City of Reedley's "Tulare Valley Railroad Corridor Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Project" by transferring \$40,400 of un-obligated CMAQ preliminary engineering funds to construction. This request is permitted under the COG's FTIP Administrative Amendment Procedures that allows transfers of funding among phases programmed within the same year. It should be noted that this CMAQ Project is exempt from regional air quality emissions analysis under CFR Section 93.126.

You should be aware that as per Fresno COG's adopted *Policies and Procedures*, Administrative Amendments are to be used whenever "minor" changes related to project costs, selection, or programming occurs. The project being adjusted meets these criteria. Administrative Amendments are used in lieu of standard FTIP Amendments, and as such, are not subject to Federal and State approval. The purpose of this letter is to notify Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration, and Federal Transit Administration that this Administrative Amendment has taken place. We have updated the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) to reflect this amendment. If you should have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me or Tony Boren at (559) 233-4148.

Sincerely,

RICK BALLANTYNE, Planning Coordinator
Council of Fresno County Governments

Attachments (4 Copies to Caltrans, Division of Programming)

cc:

Doug Ito, California Air Resources Board
Tom Jordan, SJVUAPCD
Leigh Levine, Federal Highway Administration
Bob O'Loughlin, Federal Highway Administration
Paul Page, Federal Transit Administration
Mark Brucker, Environmental Protection Agency
Executive Directors, Valley COGs

Karina O'Connor, EPA
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Mark Birnbaum, Caltrans District 06
Steve Curti, Caltrans District 06
Marvin Johnson, Caltrans District 06
Dana Ritschel, City of Reedley
Andrew Benelli, City of Reedley

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

FY 2002-03 thru 2007-08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #19, (Administrative Amendment), Resolution 2003-19, PUBLIC HEARING: 04-24-03

Summary: FTIP Amendment #19 is a City of Reedley request to adjust the *Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program* by transferring a total of \$40,400 of un-obligated preliminary engineering funds (programmed for 2002/03) to the construction phase of the City's *Tulare Valley Railroad Corridor Bicycle Path/Pedestrian Trail Project*.

The City indicates that the construction phase presently is under funded and that sufficient preliminary engineering funds are available to transfer to construction to make this project whole.

Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment Procedures would allow consideration of this amendment as an "Administrative" Amendment under the following criteria:

Changes in project scheduling and funding may be permitted within the current FTIP triennial cycle. Moving a project from "beyond years or outside the current triennial element" to "current FTIP cycle" or vice versa requires a formal amendment.

This amendment is consistent with adopted amendment policies and may be considered as an Administrative Amendment. (BALLANTYNE)

Action: Staff recommends approval of FTIP Amendment #19 (Administrative Amendment) by adopting Resolution 2003-19.

BEFORE THE
COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. 2003-19

In the Matter of:)
)
FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION)
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM)
2002-03 - 2007-08)

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE
2002-03 FTIP, AMENDMENT #19
(ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENT)
AMENDS CMAQ

WHEREAS, the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG) is the designated Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Fresno County Region; and

WHEREAS, the **2002-03 through 2007-08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program** has been prepared to comply with Federal and State requirements for local projects and is consistent with the Regional Transportation Plan; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment adjusts the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program by allowing the transfer of funding among phases for the City of Reedley's Tulare Valley Railroad Corridor Bicycle Path/Pedestrian Trail Project; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has provided guidance that projects submitted in the TIP be demonstrated as reasonable requests when compared to available funding and we can affirm that funding is available; and

WHEREAS, the COFCG process for TIP project selection is currently serving as the MPO's formal Project Selection Process as required under TEA 21 and is consistent with the outlined guidance; and

WHEREAS, this Amendment has been through a public participation process by being circulated and reviewed by the Council of Fresno County Governments' member agencies representing their technical and management staffs; representatives of other governmental agencies, including State and Federal; representatives of special interest groups; representatives of the private business sector; and residents of Fresno County; and

WHEREAS, the project contained in this amendment does not require a redetermination of the air quality conformity analysis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the **Council of Fresno County Governments hereby amends the 2002-03 through 2007-08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program reflecting the project shown in the attached exhibit.**

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION was passed and adopted by the Council of Fresno County Governments this 24th day of April, 2003.

AYES: Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Fresno County, Kerman, Kingsburg, Orange Cove,
Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin and Selma

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Huron, Mendota, and Sanger

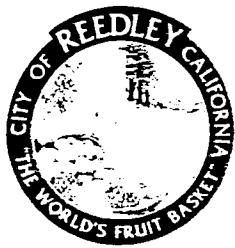
ATTEST:

Signed:


Trinidad Rodriguez, Chairman

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution of the Council of Fresno County Governments duly adopted at a regular meeting thereof held on the 24th day of April, 2003.

Signed: 
Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director



City of Reedley

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Fresno County Council of Governments
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March 21, 2003

Re: FTIP Amendment for CML-5216(019)

Dear Mr. Ballantyne:

The City of Reedley respectfully requests that COG prepare and process an administrative amendment to convert \$40,400 in funds programmed for PE in 02-03 to construction dollars. The current FTIP shows \$35,400 in Federal funds and \$5,000 in State CMAQ match as going towards P.E. We would like to use these funds for construction as the project is under funded.

If you have any questions or if there is anything else I can do to move this forward please feel free to call me at 637-4200 ext 277.

Sincerely,

Dana R Ritschel
Sr. Engineering Assistant

Council of Fresno County Governments - 2002 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Amendment Number 19.00

Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program (Non-transit)

Route Postmile PIN State/Fed ID Fund AQ Lead	Description Total Escalated Cost Status	Phase	Program Schedule (construction costs escalated per Caltrans percentage)					Change Description Project Comments	
			Triennial Element					Funding Summary (Current & Prior Years)	
			02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	Local State Federal
FRE020147	Construct Bicycle Path/Pedestrian Trail Along Railbanked Tulare Valley Railroad Corridor- Phase II (Dinuba to Buttonwillow)	PE RW Const	320,400						Cost/Scope/Sch. Change Version 3 03/25/2003 Version 2 06/11/2002 FIP Amendment #19 (Administrative Amendment) handles items item #1 to Construction
CMAQ/AGENCY 3 02	\$345,500								Prior 3,000 Current 37,100
Reedley, City of	203000000032	Total	320,400						22,100 283,300